THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Under the scheme of relocation of jhuggi jhonpri dwellers, Delhi Administration proposes to relocate 80,000 J. J. households during the Eighth Five Year Plan by allotting 'sites and service' plots of 80 sq. mts.

Environmental Improvement in Jhuggi Jhonpri Clusters is a continuing scheme under which basic civic amenities, such as drinking water, street lights, drains, paved pathways and dustbins/dhalaos are provided in eligible clusters in a phased manner after taking into account the local conditions. As this is a continuing process, no specific date to cover all the J.J. Clusters can be fixed.

Unauthorised Construction on Public Land

897. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the existing policy for dealing with unauthorised construction/encroachment on public land, illegal conversion of residential areas into commercial areas, misuse of residential building for commercial purposes etc.;

(b) the authority responsible for the implementation of the policy in this regard;

(c) whether any review of the existing policy as also of the implementing agencies have been made by Government to ascertain the shortcomings;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(e) the steps contemplated by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (e) The policy regarding unauthorised construction encroachment on public land, illegal conversion and misuse of residential building for commercial purposes etc. is governed by the relevant provisions of building by-laws of the respective municipal bodies/local bodies in the State/Union Territory. It is therefore for the State Governments/UT Administration to review the policy for dealing with unauthorised construction/encroachments.

In so far as Delhi is concerned, on the directions of the High Court of Delhi a Committee was constituted under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Ministry of Urban Development to go into the details of unauthorised construction and misuse of residential properties and suggest remedial measures.

The Committee's recommendations *inter-alia*, included appointment of Special Police Officers from Residents' Association, increase in the number of courts of Jurisdiction, amendment of Delhi Development Act and Punjab Municipal Act for more effective control of local bodies over unauthorised construction, amendment in the Registration Act to make the registration of Power of Attorney compulsory, increase in Police strength in Delhi Police for better enforcement, strengthening of Demolition squad fixing of responsibility on Architects, Engineers, plumbers etc. in case of default, and licensing of developers, builders and property agents.

The report of the Committee has been filed in the High Court of Delhi on 15th November, 1991.

Strengthening of Nagarpalika System in the Country

898. SHRI RAM NARESH YADAV: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state whether any move to strengthen the Nagarpalika system is under consideration of the Government; if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): The Constitution (73rd Amendment) Bill, 1991 has been introduced in the Lok Sabha on 16.9.1991. The Bill seeks to strengthen the functioning of Urban Local Bodies and to make them effective democratic units of self-government.